

APRIL 5, 1808.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole house, on Thursday next.

A Bill,

Authorizing the secretary of the treasury to pay to the comptroller of the treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, minister from the United States to the court of France, on the treasury of the United States.



1 Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the
3 secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and di-
4 rected, to pay into the hands of the comptroller of the treasury of
5 the United States, the amount, in cash, of the bills drawn by John
6 Armstrong, minister from the United States to the court of France,
7 on the treasurer of the United States, in favor of Nathan Freres,
8 Denton and Hall, pursuant to a liquidation made by the govern-
9 ment of France under the convention concluded between the United
10 States and the French government, on the thirtieth day of April

11 in the year one thousand eight hundred and three; and also, the
12 amount of the bills drawn by the aforesaid minister, on the said
13 treasurer of the United States, in favor of Joseph Sands, pursuant
14 to a liquidation made under the convention aforesaid, which sums
15 so paid to the comptroller, shall be held by him, in trust, to pay
16 and satisfy such persons, and in such proportions, as shall be ad-
17 judged or decreed by the courts hereafter specified; and the said
18 sums shall be by the comptroller deposited in the office of discount
19 and deposit, in the city of Washington, for safe keeping, until such
20 judgments or decrees shall take place.

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and any or either party
aggrieved by the judgment or decree of either of the said courts,
may remove the same to the supreme court of the United States,
in the same manner, and on the same terms and conditions, as
appeals and writs of error are now prosecuted from the said courts.

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever a final judg-
2 ment or decree shall be entered up by the courts of the United
3 States, in favor of any person or persons who may have establish-
4 ed a right or claim to the whole or any part of the said sums so
5 paid to the comptroller, and deposited in virtue of this law, the
6 said comptroller shall direct the cashier of the said office of dis-
7 count and deposit, to pay the amount recovered to the party or
8 persons entitled under such judgment or decree so rendered by
9 the said courts.